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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A method of collecting a copyright fee relating to a document when a user obtains, via coded data disposed on a surface, the document, the method including, in a computer system, the steps of:

receiving, from a sensing device placed in an operative position relative to the surface:

indicating data indicative of a request for the document, the sensing device generating the indicating data by sensing at least some of the coded data; and,

identity data indicative of an identity of the user, the sensing device containing the identity data;

identifying, from the indicating data, the request for the document;

identifying, from the identity data, a user account;

providing the document to the user using the request for the document;

determining the copyright fee from the at least one copyright ownership; and

debiting the user account associated with the user in the amount of the copyright fee.

2-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further includes the step of, in the computer system, recording at least one copyright ownership relating to at least one portion of the document.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the coded data is substantially invisible to the naked eye.

13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the document includes visible information and wherein at least some of the coded data is coincident to the visible information.

14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the coded data is at least

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partially indicative of an identity, and wherein the computer system is for:

determining, using the indicating data, the inditity;
determining, using the identity, a page description; and,
identifying, using the page description, the request.

15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the identity is at least one of:

an identity of the form;
an identity of a region of the form; and,
an identity of an interactive element.

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the coded data includes a number of data portions, each data portion having a unique data portion identity indicative of a location of the coded data portion on the form, and wherein the computer system is for:

determining, from the indicating data, the data portion identity of at least one sensed data portion;

determining, using the data portion identity and a map, the location of the at least one sensed data portion; and,

determining, using the location, the request.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the coded data includes a number of data portions, each data portion having a data portion identity, and wherein the computer system is for:

determining, from the indicating data, the data portion identity of at least one sensed data portion; and;

determining, using the data portion identity and the page description, the request.

18. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, including the further step of crediting at least one owner account associated with the at least one copyright ownership in the amount of the copyright fee.

19. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, including the further step of printing the document.

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20. (Previously presented) A system for collecting a copyright fee relating to a document when a user obtains, via coded data disposed on a surface, the document, the system including:

a database for recording at least one copyright ownership relating to at least one portion of the document;

a computer system for:

receiving, from a sensing device placed in an operative position relative to the surface:

indicating data indicative of a request for the document, the sensing device generating the indicating data using at least some of the coded data; and identity data indicative of an identity of the user, the sensing device containing the identity data; and

identifying, from the indicating data, the request for the document;

identifying, using the identity data, a user account;

providing the document to the user using the request for the document;

determining the copyright fee from the at least one copyright ownership; and

debiting the user account associated with the user in the amount of the copyright fee.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the processing means is further configured to credit at least one owner account associated with the at least one copyright ownership in the amount of the copyright fee.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, further including a printer for printing the document.

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the coded data is substantially invisible to the naked eye.

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the document includes visible information and wherein at least some of the coded data is coincident to the visible information.

25. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the coded data is at least

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partially indicative of an identity, and wherein the computer system is for:

determining, using the indicating data, the identity;
determining, using the identity, a page description; and,
identifying, using the page description, the request.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the coded data includes a number of data portions, each data portion having a unique data portion identity indicative of a location of the coded data portion on the form, and wherein the computer system is for:

determining, from the indicating data, the data portion identity of at least one sensed data portion;

determining, using the data portion identity and a map, the location of the at least one sensed data portion; and,

determining, using the location, the request.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the coded data includes a number of data portions, each data portion having a data portion identity, and wherein the computer system is for:

determining, from the indicating data, the data portion identity of at least one sensed data portion; and,

determining, using the data portion identity and the description, the request.

28. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the system includes a relay device for:

receiving the indicating data from the sensing device; and,

transferring the indicating data to the computer system.

29. (Previously presented) The system of claim 18, wherein the relay device is a printer, the printer including:

a first communications module for communicating with the sensing device; and,

a second communications module for communicating with the computer system.

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